

attack on Bartlett Farm, when the infantry were held up by a machine gun. He fixed his bayonet and dashed across the open at the gun, which he captured with its crew of four, thus enabling the infantry to advance.

34473 Sjt. G. H. Austin, 9th (S.) Bn., Y. and L. Regt (Hull). (ITALY.)

For conspicuous gallantry and determination at Sacili on 30th to 31st October, 1918. The company was held up by machine-gun fire, and with one section he worked round the flank and rushed the enemy post with his remaining men, capturing the machine gun and gunners, and thus enabling the company to advance. He did fine work.

320926 Sjt. B. Averill, 24th Bn., Welsh R. (Brynmenin).

For conspicuous gallantry, initiative and good leadership. During the operations east of Ronssoy on 21st September, 1918, when his company commander and company sergeant-major became casualties, he reorganised the company and led it in the advance. Later he led a Lewis gun detachment with great dash to a position on the exposed flank and silenced two enemy machine guns. He was later sent with a handful of men to an exposed flank, where, owing to his fine example and leadership, his party succeeded in beating off a counter-attack.

Z/2822 Sjt. W. A. Balchin, 13th Bn., Rif. Bde. (Brighton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on 8th October, 1918, near Vancelles. Whilst in charge of a tank escort, he personally guided the tank to its objective, walking in front of it under heavy shelling and machine-gun fire, and although severely wounded continued to direct it until the objective was reached.

280356 Sjt. T. W. Bann, 1/7th Bn., Lan. Fus., T.F. (Bradford, Manchester).

For conspicuous gallantry and determination in the attack near Beaucamp on the 27th September, 1918. When a Lewis gun section had become casualties, he seized the gun, which he fired himself, and collecting a section, continued the attack. Later, when his company commander became a casualty, he took control, and it was due to his gallantry and fine example that the objective was captured.

266240 Sjt. W. W. Barker, M.M., 1st Bn., W. York. R. (Leeds).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at Holnon on 19th September, 1918. He reorganised his men after they had suffered severely by machine-gun and shell fire. Later in the day he got two Vickers guns into position under very heavy fire. He showed coolness and resource during the day, exposing himself regardless of danger.

C/478 Sjt. W. Barnaclough, M.M., 16th Bn., K.R.R.C., attd. 100th T.M. Bty. (Wombwell).

For conspicuous gallantry and ability during 21st-30th September, 1918, south of Villers Guislain. On the night of 21st-22nd he took his four guns forward and got them into position in the captured trench before

it was finally cleared of the enemy. On the 29th, his half-battery officer having been wounded, he took command and dealt with an enemy post which was holding up the advance.

463025 Spr. (L./Cpl.) J. W. Barrass, M.M., 50th (N'bn) Div., Sig. Coy., R.E., T.F. (Durham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty near Le Cateau between 16th-18th October, 1918. He was one of a cable detachment laying lines in preparation for an advance. When the lines were finished he was posted at the end of them, and for thirty-six hours he was continually out repairing breaks caused by the heavy enemy shell fire. His untiring efforts and utter disregard of personal danger were an example to all.

PS/9160 Cpl. (L./Sjt.) A. W. Bartlett, 24th Bn., R. Fus. (Penge).

On the 11th September, 1918, after the attack on the enemy's trench system along the Canal du Nord had reached its objective a strongly held hostile post imperilled the new line. On his own initiative he rushed the post with six men, capturing it with twenty prisoners, thus securing the flank of the new line from a surprise attack.

19057 Sjt. R. C. Barton, M.M., 15th Bn., Hampts. R. (Lichfield).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the operations near Gheluwe on 2nd October, 1918. He led and encouraged the men from point to point until the limit of the advance was reached, and, though wounded, remained with his company until it was reorganised, when he was ordered back to the dressing station.

M2/114444 Pte. W. J. Barton, No. 2 Water Tk. Coy., R.A.S.C. (M.T.) (Walton-on-Naze).

When a steriliser was blown up by an enemy mine north-west of Douai on the 20th October, 1918, the mine crater was filled with gas shells, which burst upon the explosion of the mine. He worked for three hours assisting the wounded until overcome by gas. He showed fine devotion to duty.

232242 L./Cpl. C. L. Batt, M.M., 2/2nd Bn., Lond. R. (Custom House, E.).

For conspicuous gallantry during the operations east of Peziere, on 19th September, 1918. During the bombing attacks on Poplar Trench for six hours he was in the forefront, preparing rifle grenades and firing them. Through his fearless example and determination he kept the men together, materially assisting the attack and the capture of Poplar Trench.

200231 Sjt. W. G. Beadon, M.M., 15th Bn., Suff. R., T.F. (Hollisley).

On 18th September, 1918, at Templeux le Gerard, on three separate occasions he led a handful of men in a charge against machine guns in face of heavy fire. This prompt and gallant action caused the enemy on each occasion to cease firing and hold up their hands, thus saving many lives. He was eventually wounded. He showed great courage and did splendid work.